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TAGS: VN, CE, PINT, PORG

SUBJ: SRI LANKA: MARCH 2-5 VISIT OF SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF  
VIETNAM (SRVG  
PRIME MINISTER

1. AN EMBASSY SOURCE HAS PROVIDED A COPY OF A PROPOSED  
TRADE AGREEMENT WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE SIGNED DURING THE 2-5  
MARCH VISIT OF THE SRV PRIME MINISTER. IT WAS PREPARED AT  
THE INSISTANCE OF SRV OFFICIALS WHO SAID THAT DURING THE SRI  
LANKAN MINISTER OF TRADE'S RECENT VISIT TO THE SRV HE MENTIONED  
THERE SHOULD BE A TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.  
WORDING OF THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT IS VERY GENERAL IN NATURE  
AND ENCOURAGES THE "DEVELOPMENT" OF TRADE. THERE CURRENTLY  
IS NO TRADE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT  
HAS BEEN SENT TO HANOI FOR APPROVAL.

2. IN ADDITION TO THE TRADE AGREEMENT, A CULTURAL EXCHANGE  
AGREEMENT IS EXPECTED TO BE SIGNED DURING THE PRIME MINISTER'S  
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VISIT. THE SRV IS ALSO BELIEVED TO BE ANXIOUS TO OBTAIN SRI  
LANKAN TECHNICAL EXPERTISE TO REVITALIZE ITS RUBBER INDUSTRY.

3. THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE VISIT STILL APPEARS TO BE AN  
EFFORT TO PUBLICIZE THE SRV'S POSITION IN ITS DISPUTE WITH  
CAMBODIA.  
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